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NO SURFACE USE PAID UP OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT (this "Lease") is made as of the 5th day of November, 2008, between the James R. Burke, whose address is 8136 Sundance Drive Mansfield, Texas 76063 and James D. Mills, whose address is 8160 Sundance Drive Mansfield, Texas 76063 and Larry W. Rother, whose address is 3601 Misty Creek Drive Austin, Texas 78735, as Lessor (s), and XTO Energy Inc., whose address is 810 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, as Lessee.

- Leased Premises. In consideration of a cash bonus paid upon execution of this Lease, and the covenants herein contained, Lessor hereby grants, leases and lets exclusively to Lessee the land described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto (the "leased premises") in Tarrant County, Texas (including any interests therein which Lessor may hereafter acquire by reversion, prescription or otherwise), for the purpose of exploring for, developing, producing and marketing oil and gas. For purposes of this Lease, "oil and gas" means oil, gas and other liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons and their constituent elements produced through a well bore. "Oil" includes all condensate, distillate and other liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons produced through a well bore. "Gas" includes helium, carbon dioxide and other commercial gases, as well as hydrocarbon gases. Expressly excluded from this Lease are lignite, coal, sulfur and other like minerals. The leased premises shall include all strips and gores, streets, easements, highways and alleyways adjacent thereto. Lessor agrees to execute at Lessee's request any additional or supplemental instruments reasonably necessary for a more complete or accurate description of the leased premises. In the event Lessor owns any additional acreage than that for which bonus was originally paid, Lessee shall pay additional bonus at the rate per acre on which bonus was originally paid when this Lease was acquired. For the purpose of determining the amount of any shut-in royalties hereunder, the number of gross acres specified on Exhibit "A" shall be deemed correct, whether actually more or less.
- Term. This Lease is a "paid up" lease requiring no rentals. Subject to the other provisions contained herein, this Lease shall be for a term of three (3) years from the date hereof (the "primary term"), and for as long thereafter as oil or gas or other substances covered hereby are produced in paying quantities from the leased premises or from lands pooled therewith, or this Lease is otherwise maintained in effect pursuant to the provisions hereof.
- Royalty. Royalties on oil, gas and other substances produced and saved hereunder shall be paid by Lessee to Lessor as follows: (a) for oil and other liquid hydrocarbons separated at Lessee's separator facilities, the royalty shall be twenty five percent (25%) of such production, to be delivered at Lessee's option to Lessor at the wellhead or to Lessor's credit at the oil purchaser's transportation facilities, provided that Lessee shall have the continuing right to purchase such production at the wellhead market price then prevailing in the same field (or if there is no such price then prevailing in the same field, then in the nearest field in which there is such a prevailing price) for production of similar grade and gravity; and (b) for gas (including casinghead gas) and all other substances covered hereby, the royalty shall be twenty five percent (25%) of the proceeds realized by Lessee from the sale thereof, computed at the point of sale, less a proportionate part of production, severance or other excise taxes, and less the permitted unaffiliated third party deductions authorized below; provided that Lessee shall have the continuing right to purchase such production at the prevailing wellhead market price paid for production of similar quality in the same field (or if there is no such price then prevailing in the same field, then in the nearest field in which there is such a prevailing price) pursuant to comparable purchase contracts entered into on the same or nearest preceding date as the date on which Lessee commences its purchases hereunder. If at the end of the primary term or any time thereafter one or more wells on the leased premises or lands pooled therewith are capable of producing oil or gas or other substances covered hereby in paying quantities, but such well or wells are either shut-in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee, such well or wells shall nevertheless be deemed to be producing in paying quantities for the purpose of maintaining this Lease. A well that has been drilled but not fraced shall be deemed capable of producing in paying quantities. If for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days such well or wells are shut-in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee, then Lessee shall pay shut-in royalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per acre then covered by this Lease on or before the end of said 90-day period and thereafter on or before each anniversary of the end of said 90-day period while the well or wells are shut-in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee; provided, however, that if this Lease is otherwise being maintained by operations, or if production is being sold by Lessee from another well or wells on the leased premises or lands pooled therewith, no shut-in royalty shall be due until the end of the 90-day period next following cessation of such operations or production. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, it is expressly understood and agreed that after the expiration of the primary term, Lessee shall not have the right to continue this Lease in force by payment of shut-in royalty for more than a single period of up to two (2) consecutive

Royalties on oil, gas and other substances produced and saved hereunder which are processed in a processing plant in which Lessee, or an affiliate of Lessee, has a direct or indirect interest, shall be calculated based upon the higher of the proceeds received or the market value of the products so processed. Similarly, on oil, gas and other substances produced and saved hereunder which are sold to Lessee, or an affiliate of Lessee, royalties shall be paid based upon the higher of the market value of the products so sold and the proceeds received by Lessee for said products. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, except for nonaffiliated third-party charges incurred or paid by Lessee to transport, gather, compress, stabilize, process or treat gas produced from the leased premises, or lands pooled therewith (including fuel charges), in no event shall any of Lessor's royalty bear any part of the costs of production or any post-production costs, including costs of lifting, gathering, dehydration, compression, separation, delivery, transportation, manufacture, processing, treating or marketing, or for construction, operation or depreciation of any plant or other facility or equipment for processing or treating oil or gas produced from the leased premises or lands pooled therewith. In no event shall Lessor receive a price greater than or less than Lessee in sales to nonaffiliates.

As used herein, "affiliate" means (i) a corporation, joint venture, partnership or other entity that owns more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding voting interest of Lessee or in which Lessee owns more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding voting interest; or (ii) a corporation, joint venture, partnership or other entity in which, together with Lessee, more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding voting interest of both the Lessee and the other corporation, joint venture, partnership or other entity is owned or controlled by the same person or group of persons.

- 4. <u>Payments.</u> All shut-in or other royalty payments under this Lease shall be paid or tendered to Lessor at the above address, or at such address or to Lessor's credit at such depository institution as Lessor may provide written notice of from time to time. All payments or tenders may be made in currency, by check or by draft.
- Continuous Drilling Obligations. If Lessee drills a well which is incapable of producing in paying quantities (a "dry hole") on the leased premises or lands pooled therewith, or if all production (whether or not in paying quantities) permanently ceases from any cause, including a revision of unit boundaries pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 or the action of any governmental authority, then in the event this Lease is not otherwise being maintained in force it shall nevertheless remain in force if Lessee commences operations for reworking an existing well or for drilling an additional well or for otherwise obtaining or restoring production on the leased premises or lands pooled therewith within one hundred twenty (120) days after completion of operations on such dry hole or within one hundred and twenty (120) days after such cessation of all production. If at the end of the primary term, or at any time thereafter, this Lease is not otherwise being maintained in force but Lessee is then engaged in drilling, reworking or any other operations reasonably calculated to obtain or restore production therefrom, this Lease shall remain in force so long as any one or more of such operations are prosecuted with no cessation of more than ninety (90) consecutive days, and if any such operations result in the production of oil or gas or other substances covered hereby, as long thereafter as there is production in paying quantities from the leased premises or lands pooled therewith. After completion of a well capable of producing in paying quantities hereunder, Lessee shall drill such additional wells on the leased premises or lands pooled therewith as a reasonably prudent operator would drill under the same or similar circumstances (a) to develop the leased premises as to formations then capable of producing in paying quantities on the leased premises or lands pooled therewith, or (b) to protect the leased premises from uncompensated drainage by any well or wells located on other lands not pooled therewith. There shall be no covenant to drill exploratory wells or any additional wells except as expressly provided herein.
- Pooling. Lessee shall have the right but not the obligation to pool all or any part of the leased premises or interests therein with any other lands or interests, as to any or all depths or zones, and as to any or all substances covered by this lease, either before or after the commencement of production, whenever Lessee deems it necessary or proper to do so in order to prudently develop or operate the leased premises, whether or not similar pooling authority exists with respect to such other lands or interests; provided, however, that the entire leased premises covered by this Lease shall be included in any unit created pursuant to the pooling authority granted herein. The unit formed by such pooling for an oil well which is not a horizontal completion shall not exceed eighty (80) acres plus a maximum acreage tolerance of ten percent (10%), and for a gas well or a horizontal completion shall not exceed six hundred forty (640) acres plus a maximum acreage tolerance of ten percent (10%); provided that a larger unit may be formed for an oil well or gas well or horizontal completion to conform to any well spacing or density pattern that may be prescribed or permitted by any governmental authority having jurisdiction to do so. For the purpose of the foregoing, the terms "oil well" and "gas well" shall have the meanings prescribed by applicable law or the appropriate governmental authority, or, if no definition is so prescribed, "oil well" means a well with an initial gas-oil ratio of less than 100,000 cubic feet per barrel and "gas well" means a well with an initial gas-oil ratio of 100,000 cubic feet or more per barrel, based on 24-hour production test conducted under normal producing conditions using standard lease separator facilities or equivalent testing equipment; and "horizontal completion" means a well in which the horizontal component of the gross completion interval in the reservoir exceeds the vertical component thereof. In exercising its pooling rights hereunder, within ninety (90) days of first production, Lessee shall file of record a written declaration describing the unit and stating the effective date of pooling which may be retroactive to first production. In the event Lessor's acreage is included in a well, all of Lessor's acreage shall be included. Production, drilling or reworking operations anywhere on a unit which includes the leased premises shall be treated as if it were production, drilling or reworking operations on the leased premises, except that the production on which Lessor's royalty is calculated shall be that proportion of the total unit production which the net acreage covered by this Lease and included in the unit bears to the total gross acreage in the unit. Pooling in one or more instances shall not exhaust Lessee's pooling rights hereunder, and Lessee shall have the recurring right but not the obligation to revise any unit formed hereunder by expansion or contraction or both, either before or after commencement of production, in order to conform to the well spacing or density pattern prescribed or permitted by the governmental authority having jurisdiction, or to conform to any productive acreage determination made by such governmental authority. In making such a revision, Lessee shall file of record a written declaration describing the revised unit and stating the effective date of revision. If the leased premises are included in or excluded from the unit by virtue of such revision, the proportion of unit production on which royalties are payable hereunder shall thereafter be adjusted accordingly. In the absence of production in paying quantities from a unit, or upon permanent cessation thereof, Lessee may terminate the unit by filing of record a written declaration describing the unit and stating the date of termination. Pooling hereunder shall not constitute a cross-conveyance of interests. If this lease now or hereafter covers separate tracts, no pooling or unitization of royalty interest as between any such separate tracts is intended or shall be implied or result merely from the inclusion of such separate tracts within this Lease but Lessee shall nevertheless have the right to pool as provided above with consequent allocation of production as above provided. As used in this paragraph, the words "separate tract" mean any tract with royalty ownership differing, now or hereafter, either as to parties or amounts, from that as to any other part of the leased premises.
- 7. Partial Interests. If Lessor owns less than the full mineral estate in all or any part of the leased premises, the royalties and shut-in royalties payable hereunder for any well on any part of the leased premises or lands pooled therewith shall be reduced to the proportion that Lessor's interest in such part of the leased premises bears to the full mineral estate in such part of the leased premises.

act or omission of Lessee, its directors, officers, employees, partners, agents, contractors, subcontractors, guests, invitees and their respective successors and assigns. Each assignee of this Lease, or of an interest herein, agrees to be liable for, exonerate, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Lessor Parties in the same manner provided above in connection with the activities of Lessee, its officers, employees and agents as described above. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY LIMITED HEREIN, ALL OF THE AGREEMENTS TO DEFEND, BUT NOT INDEMNIFY, ASSUMED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS LEASE SHALL BE WITHOUT LIMITS AND WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES THEREOF (EXCLUDING PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS), STRICT LIABILITY OR THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY OR PARTIES (EXCLUDING THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY), WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE BE SOLE, JOINT, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE.

- 14. <u>Notices</u>. All notices required or contemplated by this Lease shall be directed to the party being notified at the address identified above, unless notice of another address has been provided in writing. All such notices shall be made by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, unless another means of delivery is expressly stated.
- 15. No Warranty of Title. Lessor makes no warranty of any kind with respect to title to the surface or mineral estate in the leased premises or any portion of or interest therein. All warranties that might arise by common law or by statute, including but not limited to Section 5.023 of the Texas Property Code (or its successor) are excluded. By acceptance of this Lease, Lessee acknowledges that it has been given full opportunity to investigate and has conducted sufficient investigation to satisfy itself as to the title to the leased premises. Lessee assumes all risk of title failures.
 - 16. Top Leasing Permitted. There shall be no prohibition or limitation on top leasing.
- 17. <u>Venue and Legal Fees</u>. Venue for any dispute arising under this Lease shall lie in Tarrant County, Texas, where all obligations under this Lease are performable.
- 18. Off-Site Drillsite. As a result of land development in the vicinity of the lease premises, governmental rules or ordinances regarding well sites, and/or surface restrictions as may be set forth in this lease and/or other leases in the vicinity, surface locations for well sites in the vicinity may be limited and Lessee may encounter difficulty securing surface location(s) for drilling, reworking or other operations. Therefore, since drilling, reworking or other operations are either restricted or not allowed on the lease premises or other leases in the vicinity, it is agreed that any such operations conducted at a surface location off of the lease premises or off of lands with which the lease premises are pooled in accordance with this lease, provided that such operations are associated with a directional well for the purpose of drilling, reworking, producing or other operations under the lease premises or lands pooled therewith, shall for purposes of this lease be deemed operations conducted on the lease premises. Nothing contained in this paragraph is intended to modify any surface restrictions or pooling provisions or restrictions contained in this lease, except as expressly stated.
- 19. Option to Extend. Lessee is hereby given the option, to be exercised prior to the date on which this lease or any portion thereof would expire in accordance with its terms and provisions of extending this lease for a period of Two (2) years as to all or any portion of the acreage then held hereunder which would expire unless so extended. The only action required by Lessee to exercise such option being the payment to Lessor (or for Lessor's credit at the depository bank named herein) and/or such parties entitled under any change of ownership according to Lessee's records, an additional consideration of the sum of Fifteen Thousand. Dollars (\$ 15,000.00) per net mineral acre owned by the party entitled to such payment at such time of extension, in the acreage so extended. If this lease is extended as to only a portion of the acreage then covered hereby, Lessee shall designate such portion by a recordable instrument.
- Miscellaneous. This Lease is entered into in the State of Texas and shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without reference to choice-of-law rules. Should any of the provisions herein be determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is agreed that this shall not affect the enforceability of any other provision herein and that the parties shall attempt in good faith to renegotiate that provision so determined to be invalid to effectuate the purpose of and to conform to the law regarding such provision. The section titles appearing in this Lease are for convenience only and shall not by themselves determine the construction of this Lease. This Lease may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Singular and plural terms, as well as terms stated in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, shall be read to include the other(s) as the context requires to effectuate the full purposes of this Lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Lease is executed to be effective as of the date first written above, but upon execution shall be binding on each signatory and the signatory's heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, whether or not this Lease has been executed by all parties hereinabove named as Lessor.

LESSOR:

BY: JAMES R. BURKI

LESSOR:

	BY: LARRY W. ROTHER
	LESSEE:
	XTO ENERGY INC.
	By: Edun S. Mun. Jr. Edwin S. Ryan, Jr. Sr. Vice President – Land Administration
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the	oth day of November, 2008, by James Lhuke
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the	day of November 2008, by Edwin S. Ryan, Jr., the y Inc., on behalf of said corporation.
CHARLA F. WILKES NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF TEXAS COMMISSION EXPIRES:	Notary Public, State of Texas

LESSOR:

EXHIBIT "A"

3.035 acres, more or less, out of the A. A. Freeman Survey, A-522, Tarrant County, Texas and being Lots 8R and 10R, Block 6, South Ridge Lakes Addition, according to the plat recorded at Cabinet A, Slide 6251 of the Plat Records of Tarrant County, Texas and being more particularly described in that certain Mineral Deed dated October 1, 2008 from RealTex Ventures, L. P., to James R. Burke, James D. Mills and Larry W. Rother as recorded at Document No. D208381324, Official Public Records, Tarrant County, Texas.